

Lincoln High School Full-Size Field



Community Update
Analysis & Path Forward
November 6, 2025



What We'll Discuss

- ❖ Why students need a full-size field
- ❖ How we evaluated options and what we heard
- ❖ Current (final) options and why Option A is preferred
- ❖ Key topics: Tree impacts and parking & access
- ❖ How to comment tonight + what happens next

The Need + How We Got Here

Benefits of an accessible, full-size field

Supports physical education & sports for boys & girls

Reduces bus trips and travel time

Reliable venue for school and community events

Current limitations without a dedicated field space

Transportation, access, and travel time - hours spent on buses

Community informed search

Began with an expansive evaluation of approx 20 potential sites across Seattle

Wallingford Playfield selected for in-depth exploration and ultimately eliminated

Woodland Park emerged as a community-informed option



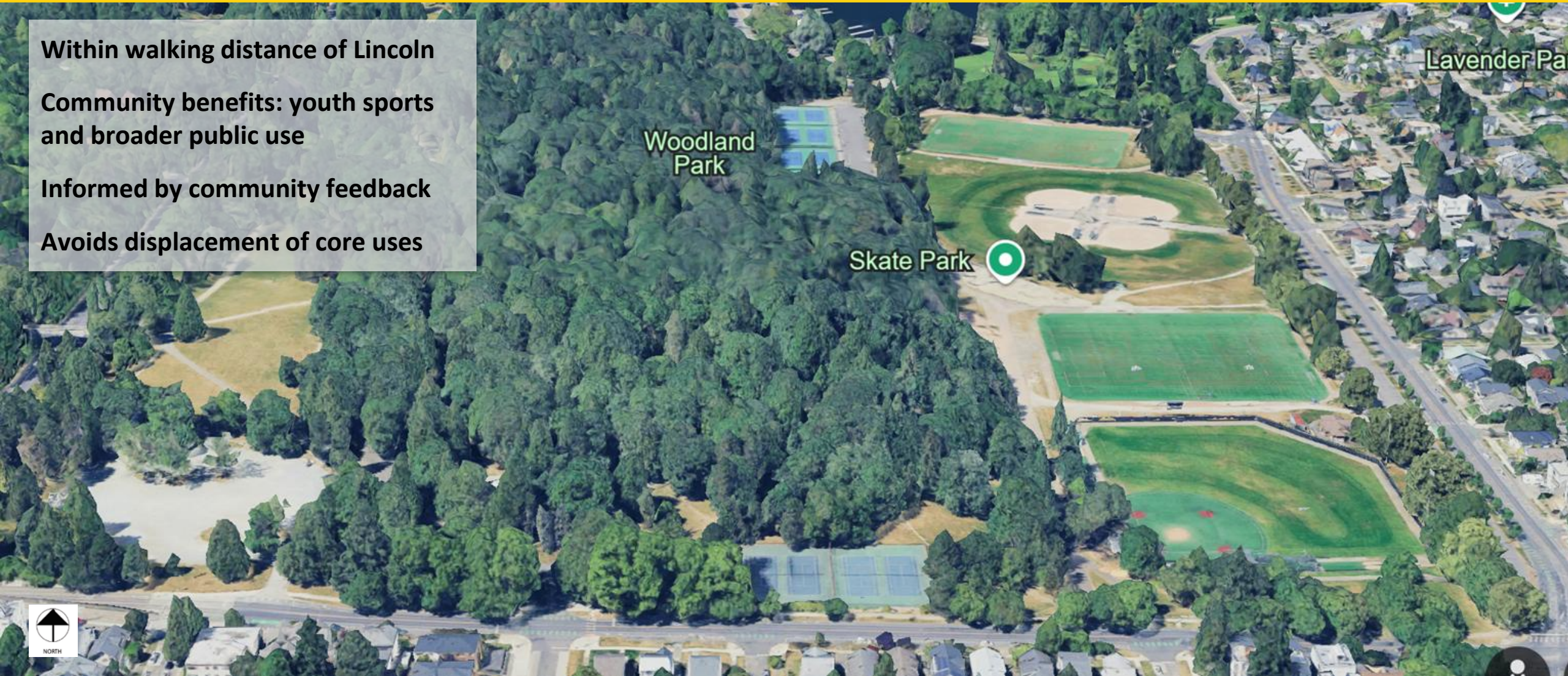
Full-Size Field at Woodland Park

Within walking distance of Lincoln

Community benefits: youth sports
and broader public use

Informed by community feedback

Avoids displacement of core uses



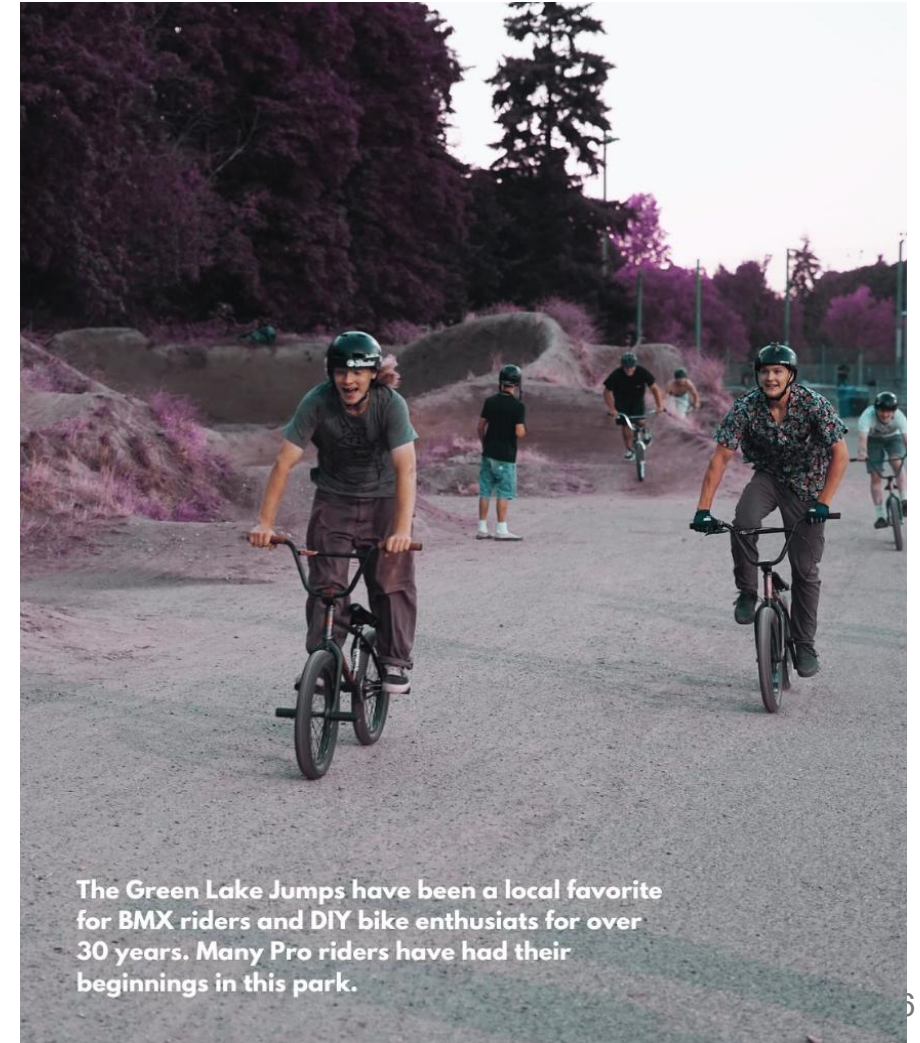
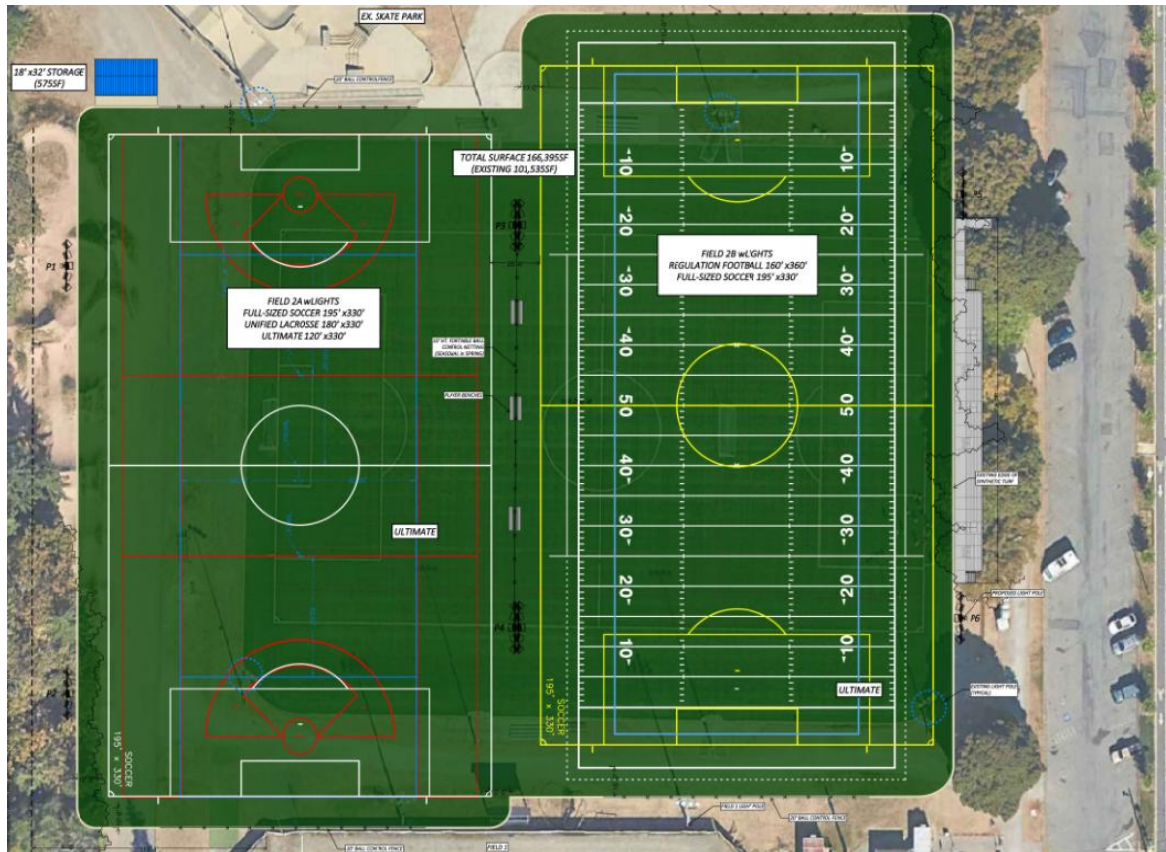
Eliminated Options

Tennis Courts at 50th & Woodland Park Ave N: *Eliminated due to conflicts with existing uses and trees & grading*

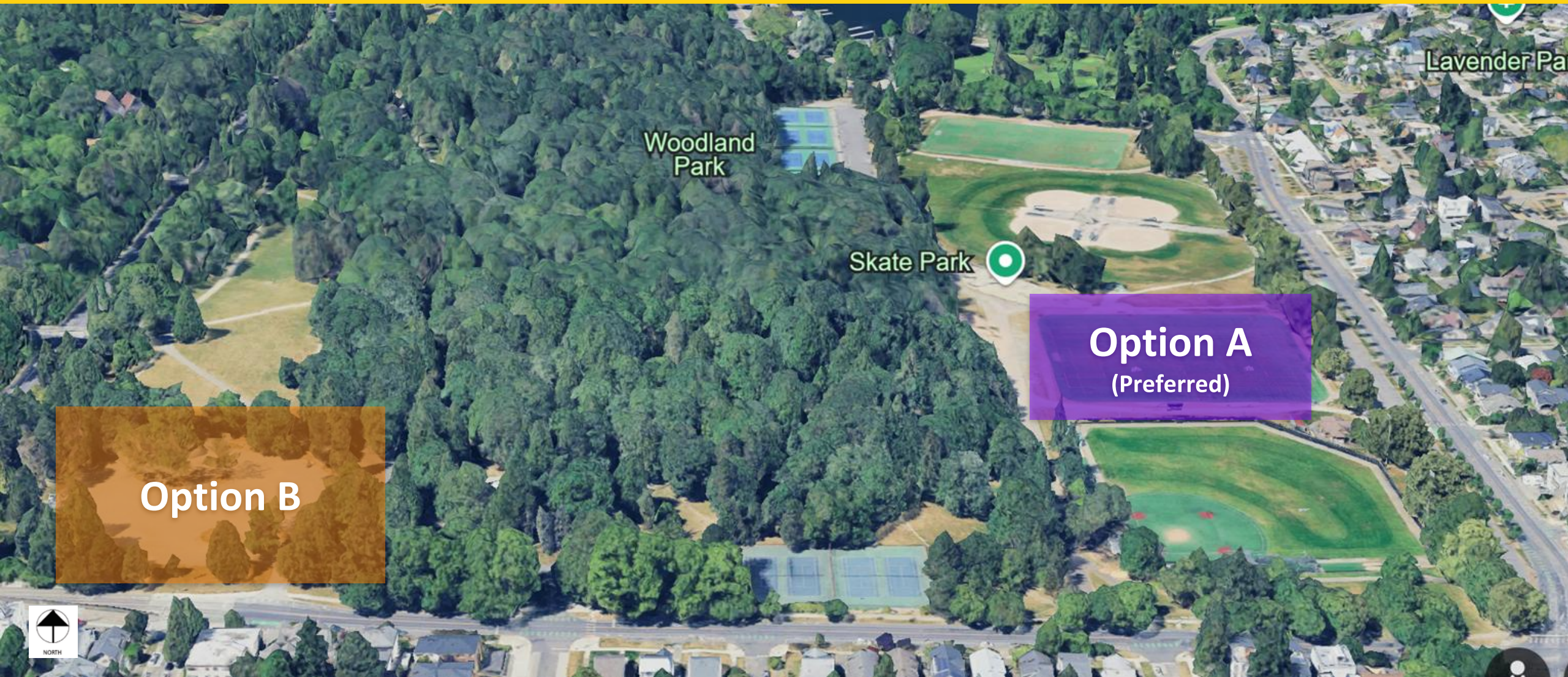


Eliminated Options

Eliminated option that impacted BMX Jumps, Cross Country and Soap Box Derby



Current (Final) Options at Woodland Park



Tree Impacts: For Every 1 Removed, 3 Planted



Option A (Preferred)

- 10 trees impacted, so **30 new tree plantings**
- 9 would be removed for certain - 6 of those are $> 24'$
- 1 will require further study on impacts and may be retained
- Highly visible location
- Break up the line of trees
- Remove the visual separation between field and street



Option B

- 78 trees impacted, so **234 new tree plantings**
- 42 are large tree removals ≥ 24 inches
- 7 are large trees impacted ≥ 24 inches (may be removed - more study required)
- 21 are smaller trees removed < 24 inches
- 8 are smaller trees impacted < 24 inches (may be removed - more study required)

Potential Parking Impacts & Solutions



Option A: Lower Woodland Field #2 (Preferred)



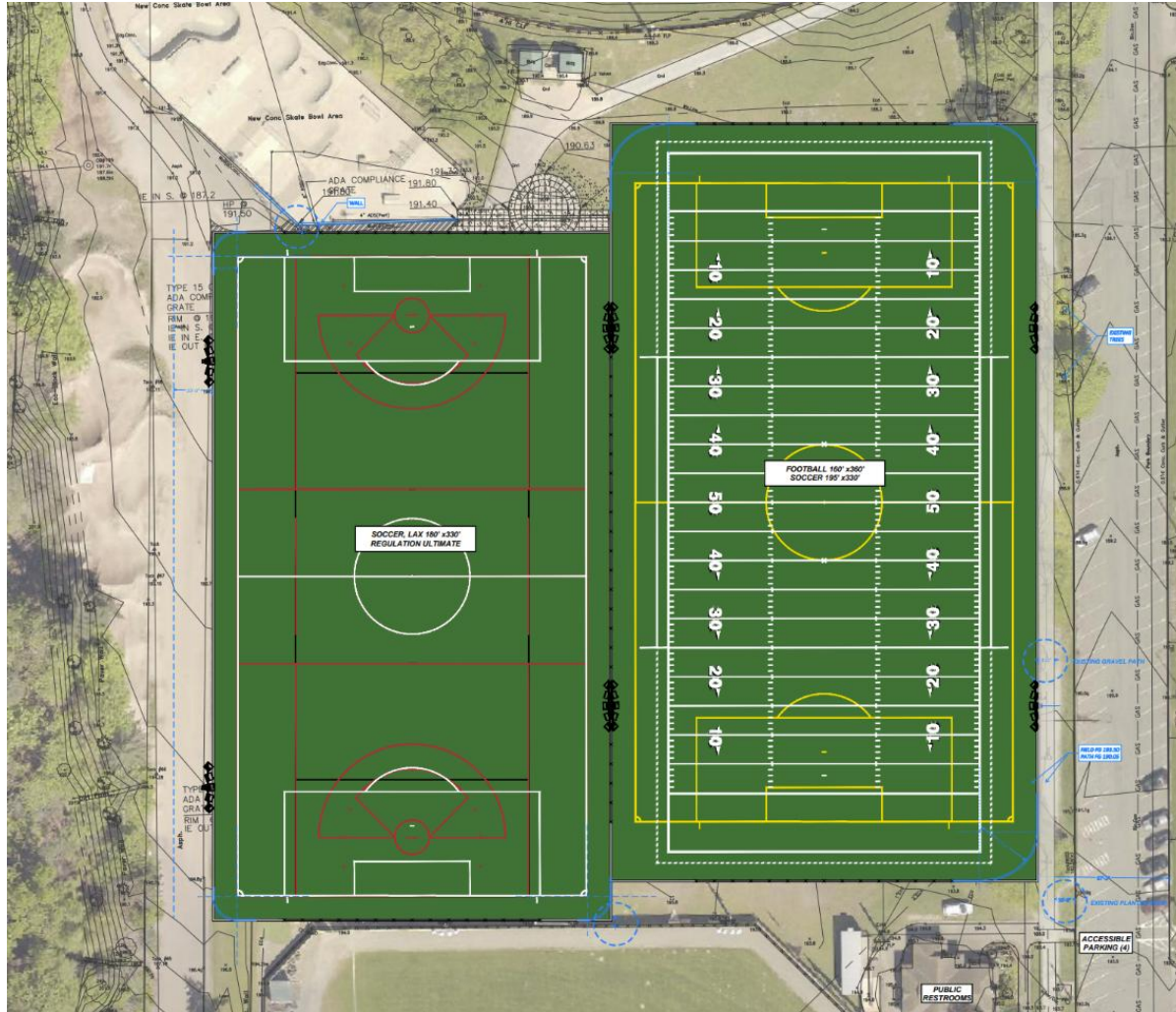
Strengths

- ❖ **Closest, walkable location** for Lincoln; reduces bus use/emissions
- ❖ **Uses existing multi-use field** with lighting/utilities; cost-efficient
- ❖ **Precision LED lighting** reduces glare/spill; improves safety
- ❖ **Tree stewardship:** minimal removal; 3:1 planting
- ❖ **North / South orientation** better for competitive game play

Challenges

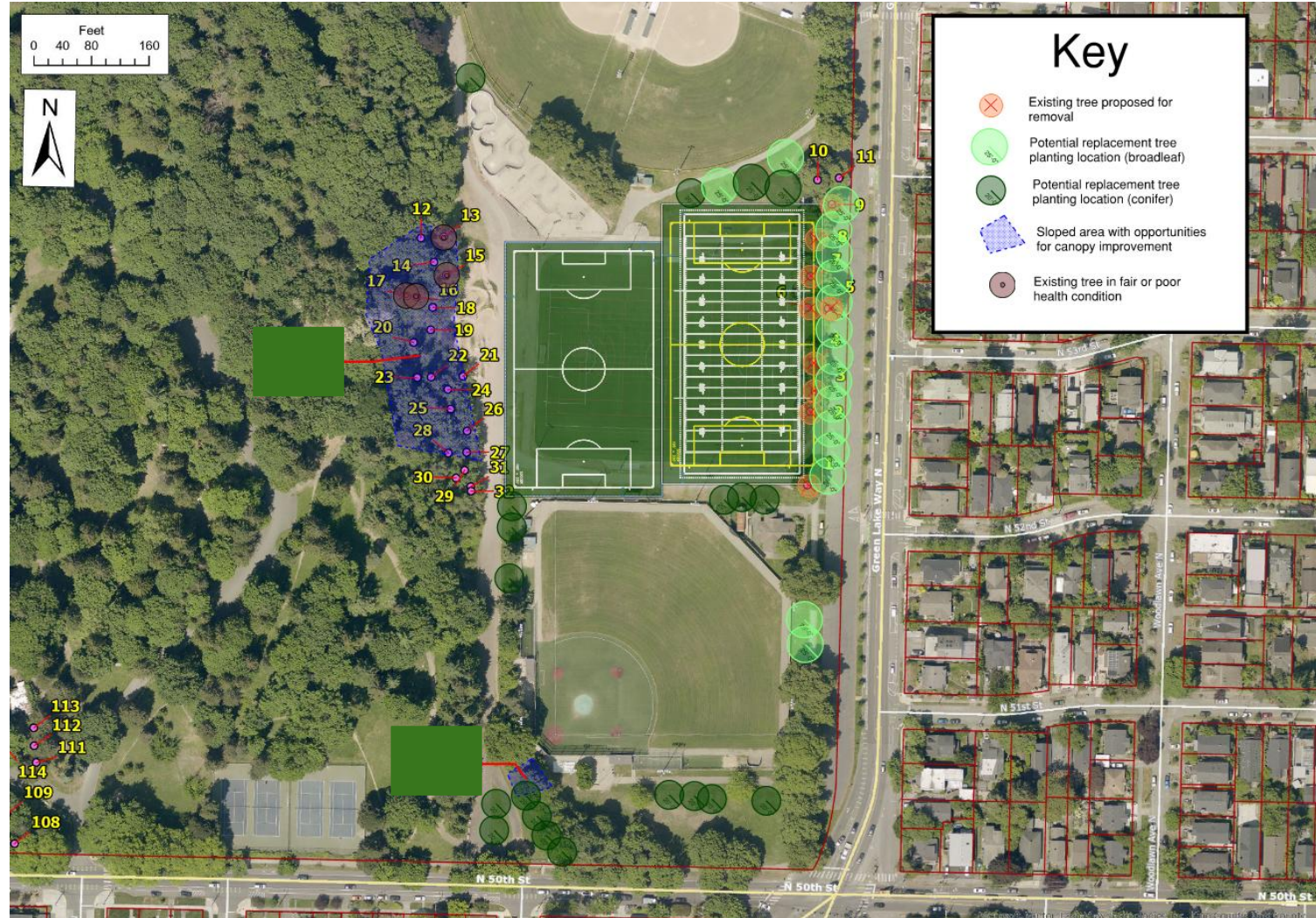
- ❖ **Construction closure** → schedule coordination, maintain park access around site
- ❖ **Parking adjustments** → increased need for parking
- ❖ **Path impacts** → replace with accessible routes in final design

Option A: Refining the Concept

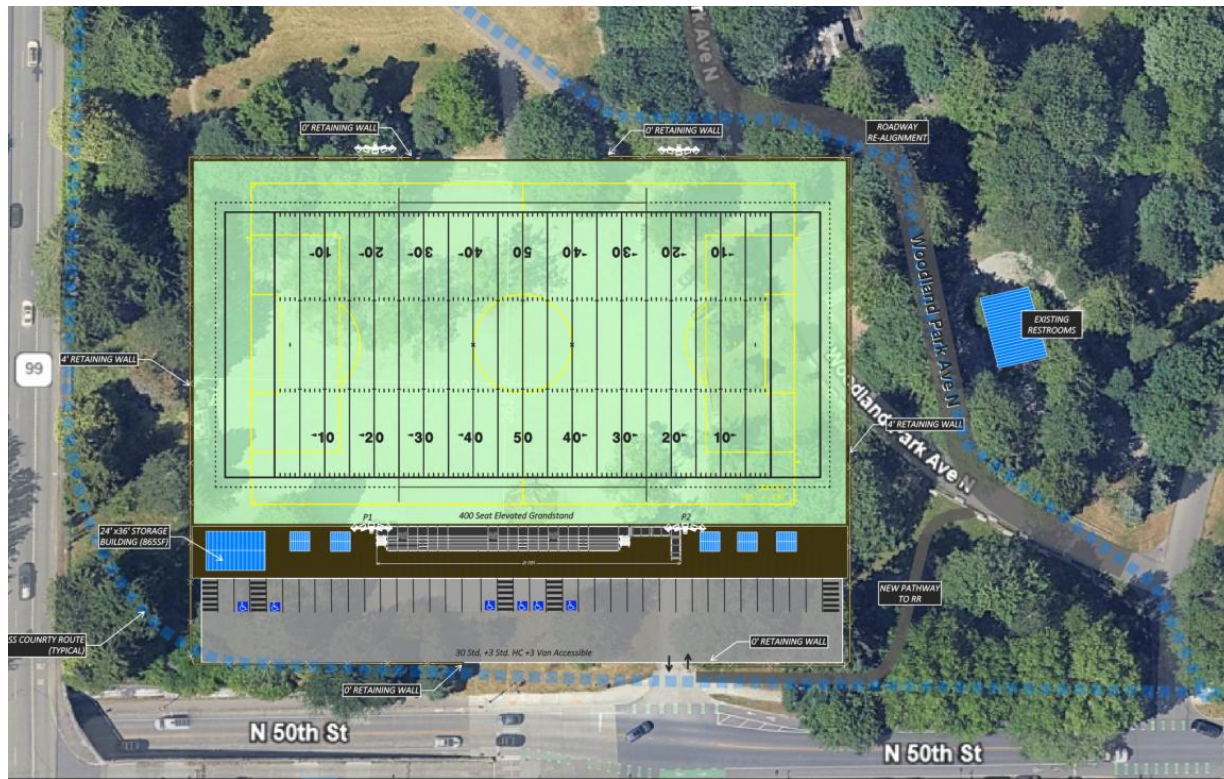


- ❖ **Minimize bleacher capacity;** replace the **row of trees** along the east edge
- ❖ **Distribute bleachers** between two fields
- ❖ **Optimize the field footprint** where possible
- ❖ **Explore parking optimization;** opportunities on Green Lake Way
- ❖ **Canopy restoration**

Option A: Tree Planting Options



Option B: Parking Lot @ 50th & Aurora



Strengths

- ❖ Activates 50th & Aurora Corner
- ❖ Avoids disruption at Lower Woodland
- ❖ Community informed solution

Challenges

- ❖ Removes 130 existing parking spots
- ❖ Lighting impacts
- ❖ Removes 78 existing trees
- ❖ Requires significant grading / retention walls
- ❖ Reroutes current driving loop
- ❖ Significantly limits site mobility
- ❖ Significantly higher cost impacts than Option A

What We've Heard

Broad Community Input: Heard from a wide range of community groups, including the Lincoln High School community, the Scouts, cross-country teams, BMX riders, the Wallingford Park Alliance, and neighbors through emails, SPS Let's Talk, and online comments.

- **Community Use:** Strong preference for multi-use recreation over single-sport (e.g., football).
- **Impacts:** Concerns about tree loss, parking, traffic, and conflicts with existing park events.
- **Equity:** Split between improving access for Lincoln students and preserving open public space.
- **Tone:** Passionate but constructive, offering helpful design ideas.

Next Steps

Share Your Feedback

www.seattleschools.org/lincoln-field

Submit comments tonight and online through the project website.

Stay Engaged

Watch for updated information and FAQs online.

Next Meeting

An informational community meeting will take place once site selection is finalized.

(Details will be emailed and posted to website.)

Public Comment: How it Works Tonight

Single-file line to speak

Accessibility: Raise your hand if you need the mic brought to you

90-second limit

One turn per person

Direct comments

No back-and-forth or applause

Please be respectful



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Thank you!

